

By: Overview, Scrutiny and Localism Manager

To: Regeneration and Economic Development Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee - 18 January 2011

Subject: **UPDATE ON SELECT COMMITTEE WORK**

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: This report updates Members on current and future Select Committee work and invites suggestions for future Select Committee Topic Reviews.

Select Committee work now completed - Renewable Energy and Extended Services

1. The final reports of both of these Select Committees were considered by the County Council on 16 December 2010.

Work currently underway – Dementia Select Committee

2. ASSPOSC is the 'parent' committee for this review. By the time of the POSC meeting, the Select Committee will have met to elect its Chairman (the Chairman Designate is Trudy Dean) and agree its Terms and Reference, scope and way forward. There will then be briefings and visits in January and February to give Members a grounding in the subject, and formal evidence-gathering hearings are planned for March. The contacts in Democratic Services for this Select Committee are: Research Officer Sue Frampton (01622 694993) and Democratic Services Officer Christine Singh (01622 694334).

Future Select Committee Work

3. **The Student Journey.** The proposal for this review arose from the programme of visits to District Councils undertaken in 2010 by REDPOSC and Learning and Development CFEPOSC Members. REDPOSC will be its 'parent' Committee but its work will cut across REDPOSC, L&D CFEPOSC and Communities POSC. Membership is not yet confirmed. Background research is going on, and the review proper is due to start in Spring 2011, when a related piece of work being undertaken by the CFE Directorate is due to be completed. The contacts in Democratic Services for this Select Committee are: Research Officer Gaetano Romagnuolo (01622 694292) and Democratic Services Officer Theresa Grayell (01622 694277).

4. **Educational Attainment of Pupils and Schools in Areas of High Deprivation –** starting work now. The contacts in Democratic Services for this Select Committee are: Research Officer Pippa Cracknell (01622 694178) and Assistant Democratic Services Manager Denise Fitch (01622 694269).

Suggestions for Select Committee Topic Reviews

5. If Members have any suggestions of topics they would like to put forward for consideration for inclusion in the future topic review work programme, they should contact the Democratic Services Officer for this POSC.

Recommendation:-

6. Members are asked to note the successful completion of the work of the Renewable Energy and Extended Services Select Committees and the new Topic Review work which is now starting, or soon to start, and to advise the Democratic Services Officer of any topics which they would like to put forward for consideration for inclusion in the future Select Committee Topic Review Work Programme.

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